

Maurice River Pratt Through-Truss
Swing Bridge
Mauricetown
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Date: 1888

Location: Spanning the Maurice River in Mauricetown, Cumberland County New Jersey

Built by: Dean and Westbrook, Bridge Engineers and Contractors.

Significance: This is a rare surviving example of a human-powered swing bridge. Today, most structures of this type are powered by motor but during the 19th century hand operated swing bridges in rural areas were not uncommon.

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